



The health impact of climate change: Promoting sustainable communities

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Abstract:

The South East Regional Public Health Group has produced this guidance document for the DH. It contains advice for public health professionals on what can be done to mitigate and adapt to climate change and promote sustainable communities. This has been a collaborative effort with the UK Public Health Association (UKPHA), Faculty of Public Health and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), as well as the content verified across government. The guidance documents ask health professionals to consider the health impacts of climate change and provide information on how societies can adapt to the most severe impacts - such as heatwaves and flooding, with adequate planning. Ideas for minimising the future effects of climate change by reducing energy use and CO2 emissions, both in the workplace and at home are also provided.

Source:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+www.dh.gov.uk/en/publicationsandstatistics/DH_082690

Resource Description

Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional, Public

Early Warning System:

resource focus on systems used to warn populations of high temperatures, extreme weather, or other elements of climate change to prevent harm to health

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Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Quality, Food/Water Security,

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Human Conflict/Displacement, Human Conflict/Displacement, Precipitation, Sea Level Rise, Solar Radiation, Temperature

Air Pollution: Allergens, Interaction with Temperature

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Flooding, Hurricanes/Cyclones, Landslides

Food/Water Security: Food Access/Distribution, Livestock Productivity

Temperature: Extreme Cold, Extreme Heat, Fluctuations

Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Europe

European Region/Country: European Country

Other European Country : United Kingdom

Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation): ☒

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Cancer, Diabetes/Obesity, Infectious Disease, Injury, Mental Health/Stress, Morbidity/Mortality, Other Health Impact

Infectious Disease: Foodborne/Waterborne Disease, Vectorborne Disease

Foodborne/Waterborne Disease: Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, General Foodborne/Waterborne Disease, Salmonellosis

Vectorborne Disease: Tick-borne Disease

Tick-borne Disease: Lyme Disease, Tick-borne Encephalitis

Mental Health Effect/Stress: Other Mental Disorder

Other Health Impact: Heat cramps; Heat exhaustion; Heat stroke; Well-being

Medical Community Engagement: ☒

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation, Mitigation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern:

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children, Elderly

Other Vulnerable Population: Pre-existing medical conditions

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion, Review

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified